



COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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PURPOSE: To define population groups of individuals who are eligible to receive CSFP food packages and documents required to verify eligibility.

POLICY: The certifying official shall determine whether individuals are eligible to receive CSFP benefits in accordance with federal regulation.

PROCEDURES: The following chart defines population groups eligible to receive CSFP benefits and verification criteria:

POPULATION GROUP	DEFINITION	VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY	INCOME VERIFICATION
Elderly	Persons 60 years of age or older.	Birth certificate or hospital record of birth are preferred; if not available, may use any of the following which must show the applicant's name, age or date of birth: state identity card, insurance policy, driver's license, clinic, doctor, or hospital record, U.S. passport or U.S. citizen ID card, marriage or divorce record, voter's registration, military record, newspaper notice of birth, welfare card, any other document providing identifying data sufficient to establish age.	Self declared. See Sections 2.4 and 2.5.
Pregnant Woman	Woman determined to have one or more fetuses in utero. ¹	Visual observation if the woman is obviously pregnant. Written note from a physician if pregnancy is not obvious.	Eligibility based on 247.9(b) ² or self declared income (see Sections 2.4 and 2.5).
Postpartum Woman	Woman up to 12 months after termination of pregnancy.	Birth certificate or hospital record of birth or newspaper notice of birth of infant (with date indicated) or physician's notice of an otherwise termination of pregnancy.	Same as pregnant woman.



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CATEGORY	DEFINITION	VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY	INCOME VERIFICATION
Breastfeeding Woman	Woman up to one year postpartum who is breastfeeding her infant.	Same as postpartum woman and woman does not take more than six cans of concentrate or 2 cans of powdered supplementary formula for her infant and states she is breastfeeding.	Same as pregnant woman.
Child	Person who is at least one year of age but has not reached their sixth birthday.	Birth certificate or hospital record of birth; if not available, use any of the following showing name and birthday: immunization record, adoption record, clinic, doctor or hospital record, U.S. passport or U.S. citizen ID card, welfare ID card, or any other document providing identifying data sufficient to establish proper age.	Same as pregnant woman.
Infant	Person under one year of age.	Same as for children.	Same as pregnant woman.

¹ Each fetus is counted as a family member when determining household size.

² In accordance with 247.9(b), applicant women, infants and children must be accepted as income-eligible, regardless of actual income, if they are certified as eligible to receive food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Medical Assistance (Medicaid) or a member of a family that is certified eligible to receive assistance under TANF, or a member of a family in which a pregnant woman or an infant is certified eligible to receive assistance under Medicaid.